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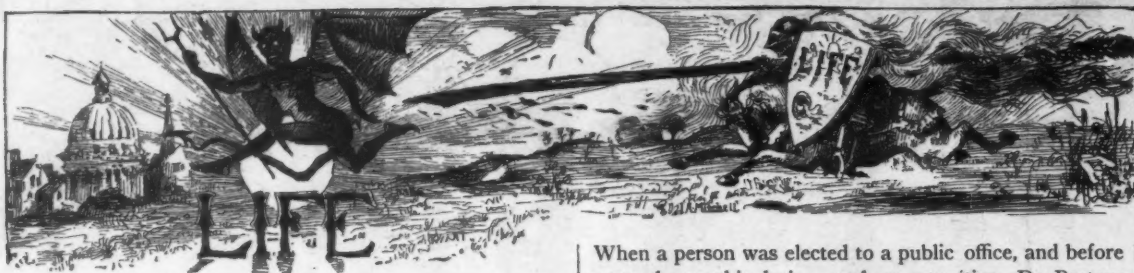
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WE regret that the Boston *Transcript* finds LIFE too impure a sheet for its finer palate. Were it not for the delay involved we would issue an expurgated edition for our sensitive contemporary in which our Cupids should wear trousers, and our girls and boys appear in separate numbers. Dear old *Transcript*! Pull down your veil when you meet us. Your blushes we respect; but do you not think it a little severe to contrast our indecency with the purity and refinement of *Puck*?

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THE great discovery of Dr. Pasteur has bestowed upon mankind the precious boon of immunity against a frightful disease.

All the owners of the only Virginia madstone and several Indian herb doctors deny it, as do also Mr. Ice Bergh and a few others of his society, who like dogs better than men. The world at large, however, refuses to be convinced by romantic or pathetic arguments in behalf of dogs or rabbits or Indians, and insists upon believing that Dr. Pasteur can cure hydrophobia simply because his system seems to be reasonable, and because he appears to have already done it.

Taking the genuineness of the discovery for granted, then why should inoculation stop here? It prevents hydrophobia and small-pox, two of the most obstinate and malignant of diseases—why should we not, as the man of the world would say, go the doctor one better, and extend this great remedial system to diseases of the mind and conscience as well as of the body? As an experiment in this direction we might try the inoculation of public officials, bank presidents, etc., against dishonesty. This is a startling idea at first. The possibility of having all persons acting in the sacred capacity of trustees perfectly honest is too far removed from anything in our experience to be grasped at once; it seems, however, only a logical deduction from Dr. Pasteur's discoveries. Dr. Pasteur inoculates the patient with a mild form of the disease to be guarded against, and keeps increasing the strength of the matter injected until at length the patient's system is rendered proof against the most violent form of rabies. Our system would be analogous.

When a person was elected to a public office, and before he entered upon his duties—and opportunities—Dr. Pasteur, or a pupil, would take him under treatment for a few weeks. At first he would be inoculated with some mild virus taken from the marrow of a petty office-seeker, who offers, perhaps, only a box of cigars, or a dozen votes, as an inducement for appointing him to some little \$1,000 position. On the second day the doctor would inject some virus from the more important ward politician, who demands a deeper expression of regard in return for having worked his ward for the successful candidate. And so he would work on—through the man who gives out tickets on Election Day, with free beer tickets attached, through the man who pays his political organization \$10,000 for nominating him, through the Congressman who is bribed by a monopoly, until at last the doctor would dare to use the virulent virus of the party leader who sells out his whole party vote for the sake of the city patronage, or of the Wall street speculator who dares to bribe a judge.

This virus would be much more deadly than even that of the ordinary dishonest public official, and would render the patient proof against the most dangerous forms of financial rabies. The most delicate bribe would now be offered to him, only to send the generous giver to Sing Sing. The bank president would not make fifty per cent. by speculating, if he could, and the cashier would no longer see anything seductive in the piles of gold which do not belong to him.

Canada would be left once more to the Esquimaux and polar bears, and States prisons would grow positively vulgar.

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MR. RUSKIN in his letter to the *Pall Mall Gazette* says:

"Would it not be well to take some account of these following ineradicable virtues of the Irish race in our schemes for their management:—

First, they are an artistic people and can design beautiful things and execute them with indefatigable industry.

Second, they are a witty people, and can by no means be governed by witless ones.

Third, they are an affectionate people, and can by no means be governed on scientific principles by heartless persons.

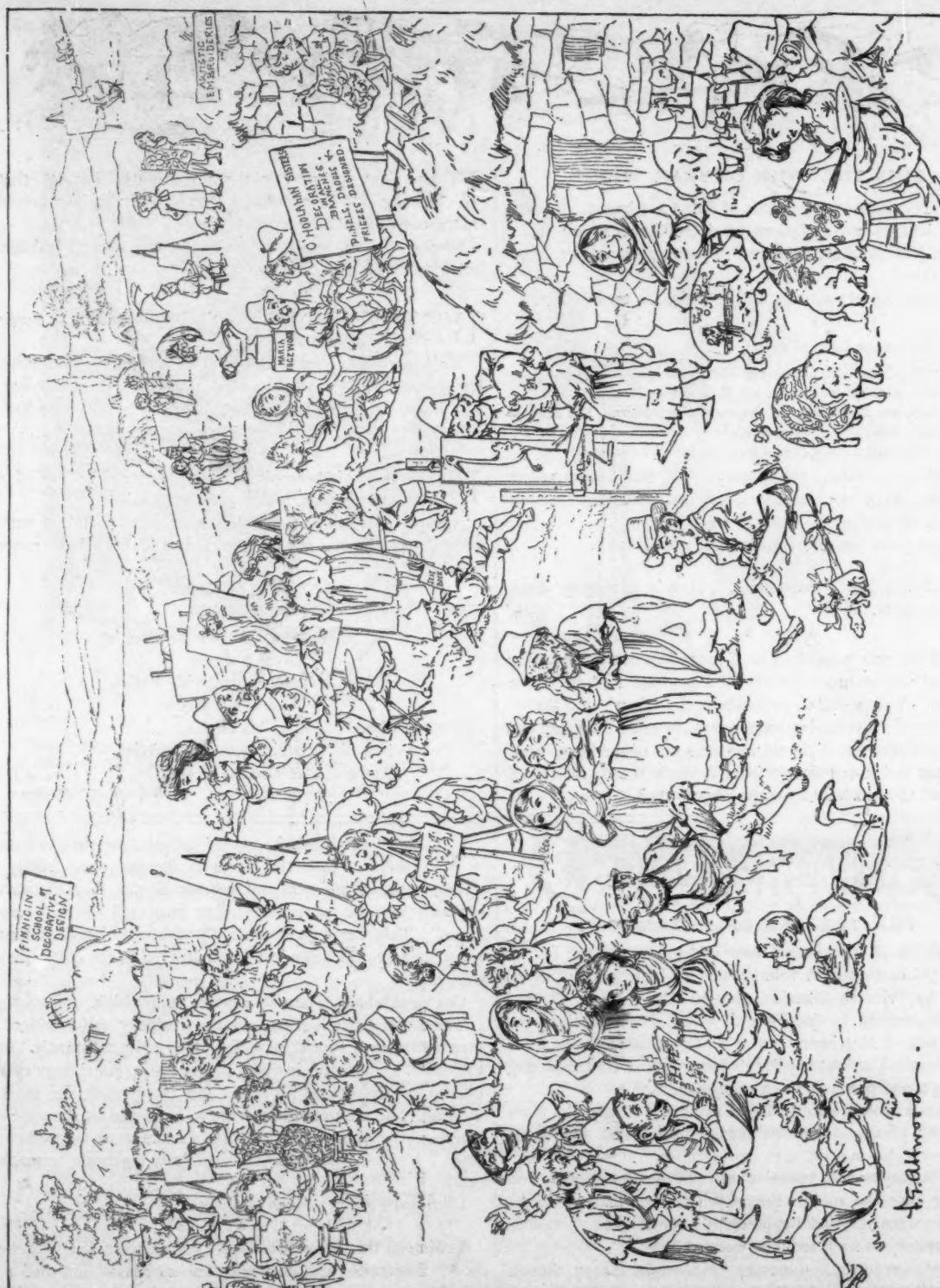
Permit me to observe further, that, as Scott is authority for the Scotch character, Maria Edgeworth is authority for the Irish, and that her three stories of 'Ormond,' 'Ennui,' and the 'The Absentees' contain more essential truths about Ireland than can be learned from any other source whatsoever."

For further particulars see opposite page.

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THE New York *Sun* in administering some of its faint praise to Mr. Cleveland, acknowledges that he is inconsistent, but claims that this is greatly to the honor of Mr. Cleveland's Democracy.

Mr. Dana evidently believes in the old saying, "Inconsistency thou art a Democrat."



IRELAND, À LA RUSKIN.





#### THIS THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN

THE paving of the domicile of Satan has begun,  
And all our resolutions we do resolutely shun;  
For 't is just the same from year to year we swear "on" just  
anent  
The second lap of swearing off by Christians termed Lent.

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AN insurance journal says:

"The New York Life is negotiating for permission to do business in the Empire of Russia. If it succeeds, it will be the first foreign company that has obtained such concessions. The Russian Government demand that as a condition precedent, a deposit of five hundred thousand roubles (about \$335,000) shall be made."

Thanks, esteemed contemporary. We had forgotten just what that \$335,000 check we drew last week was for, but now it is as clear as daylight.

It must have been the roubles that mixed us up.

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ECONOMY may be wealth, but it's a mighty weak security.

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THERE was organized in Connecticut at the beginning of this century a Society for Protection Against Horse Thieves. This is still in existence, and so flourishing that it has declared a dividend of 200 per cent., payable February 1st.

We presume this dividend was paid out of the horses that were not stolen—or was it from animals the society itself managed to absorb by its corporate efforts?

IT has just leaked out through Senator Fassett that Sterling is to be appointed Port Warden and confirmed by the aid of Republican votes.

Senator F.'s colleagues are indignant at this bit of leakage, but what could they expect of a Fassett?

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BOB INGERSOLL says that the Republican party needs a new conscience.

Mr. Ingersoll is a good authority on worn out consciences, but should couple his remark with information on two points, first where to get new ones, and, second, if there is no hell, why the Republican party need worry in this particular.

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IN these days of Hydrophobism the marine title, loss of a Bark and ten men, is unusually suggestive.

Apropos of a title in our last issue, a correspondent suggests that "The Reign of Terr(i)or would have been more suitable."

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CAVE CANEM.

NOW the purplet on the streetlet  
Gives a shiver  
When the catcher grabs his feetlet,  
And do n't give a  
Continental for his bitelet  
Nor his snarling, growling spitelet,  
As he shoves him out of sightlet  
In the river. J. K. Bangs.



#### THE TERRORS OF MATRIMONY.

ANOTHER terror has been added to marriage by the publication of a volume, said to have been received kindly by Princess Beatrice, entitled "How to be Happy, though Married." (Scribner's.) The "Graduate in the University of Matrimony" who is responsible for this book expresses the kindest sentiments toward those contemplating marriage, and pretends to encourage them.

This is a hollow sham. He is evidently a wily old blue-bottle fly who has been entangled in the web and wants company in his misery.

Any clear-headed bachelor of average intelligence, on reading here the multitudinous precautions that are necessary to secure married happiness, will unhesitatingly choose single misery to such arduous wedded bliss.

His answer to the conundrum "How to be Happy, though Married" will be "Get a Divorce."

AT the very threshold of the subject, the neophyte is presented with this formula for conjugal felicity: "Demonstrative affection and self-sacrifice." A man must not only love his wife dearly, but must tell her so "very often." This he must do with the full consciousness that every such avowal will add a ten-dollar bill to the cost of her next frock.

Conjugal felicity after this formula comes high.

The other little element in the recipe, "self-sacrifice," means that each should be willing to yield "constantly" to the other. Of all the inviting prospects in matrimony ever offered to comfortable bachelors this is certainly the most alluring! The amount of happiness to be gained by constantly yielding your opinions to a woman's whim must be tremendous. Reducing our author's formula to algebraic terms, it reads:

Conjugal Felicity = Gush + Mush.

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AMONG the many directions for the choice of a wife the susceptible and designing bachelor is admonished to "find a girl who can make her higher education compatible



APPLIED SCIENCE.

*Miss Joy*: MADAM, MR. FOSTER HAS COME TO TAKE ME FOR A DRIVE, MAY I GO, MADAM?

*Madam*: YOU KNOW, MISS JOY, THE RULES OF VASSAR DO NOT ALLOW IT, UNLESS YOU ARE ENGAGED—ARE YOU ENGAGED TO MR. FOSTER?

*Miss Joy (doubtfully)*: N—NO, BUT— IF YOU WILL LET ME GO I *SHALL* BE BY THE TIME WE GET BACK.

with his comforts, who can, when necessary, bring her philosophy down to the kitchen."

This probably means that true wedded happiness is only found in Transcendental buns and Paleozoic pies. If the author were not an Englishman, he might be suspected of "booming" the Harvard Annex. LIFE is opposed to any theory of matrimony which might lead to a new generation of Boston novelists.

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MARRIED people, we are also told, "Should learn to grow rich gracefully." This advice is unique and superfluous. Most married people want to know how to make both ends meet.

An entire chapter is devoted to showing "how useful children are in educating their parents." We always suspected that the average small boy was capable of giving the old gentleman points, but this is the first scientific demonstration of the fact. The country is safe with Young America wiser than his pa.

*Droch.*

ARE hair-brained people ever bald-headed?

LIVING AND LEARNING.

"AND now, my dears," said the Sunday-school teacher, "I have explained to you all the different forms of religion; tell me which of them you like the best?"

There was a long pause, but at last Master Johnny said:

"Well, I'd rather be a Baptist in summer and a Mormon in winter."

"I'm afraid we should have to call you an Optimist, then," replied the teacher.

And so Master Johnny went home and said:

"Pa, what's an Optimist?"

"An Optimist? Well—er—hum; an Optimist is a sort of—er— Well, perhaps you had better look in the dictionary for a concise answer."

And so they hunted up the dictionary and at last found: OPTIMIST, a believer in Optimism.

And Master Johnny thanked his papa and said he was so glad to know!

*R. K.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST—Five per cent. bonds.

UP TO EVERYTHING—The thermometer.

## OLD NEW YORK.

A HISTORY OF MANHATTAN ISLAND—DUTCH, ENGLISH, AMERICAN AND RESTORATION OF THE ENGLISH IN 1880.

## CHAPTER VII.

## CLOSE OF THE FIRST SETTLEMENT.



TO retain his hold upon the Indians who have ever exhibited a characteristic fickleness, it became necessary for Block to do something to inspire their respect. He, therefore, purchased a section of property in the neighborhood of Wall Street, for which he promised to pay seven heaps of wampum when his ship came in—and until this day it has not been sighted. Upon this land he erected a row of flat houses, fronting on Broadway, which he and his friends occupied after renting the ground floor to Indian traders for business purposes. He charged a rental sufficient to cover all the risks thus assumed, and it is a noticeable fact that the cost of the whole row was covered by one week's rent.

This investment of the Captain's had the desired effect, and so great was the respect for the landlord, amongst his tenants and neighbors, that upon the eve of his departure he was enabled to borrow the whole national debt, giving only his word for security.

This degree of respect was no doubt due to the fact that the new houses were the only ones the Indians had ever seen with two stories and a cellar; and that any man should be so endowed with wisdom as to keep leaks out of a roof, seemed to them indicative of strong influence with the Great Spirit.

True to his Nationality, Block imparted to his houses an element of mystery, by refusing to allow the Indians access to the cellars. He kept in them what whiskey he had managed to save from the wreck, and he fully understood that the Manhattanese would be unreliable tenants did they but know this.

To insure the observance of his commands, the Captain awed the Indians into obedience by informing them that the cellars were the abode of the Great Spirit, which indeed was the truth to a certain extent, and which they implicitly believed when they perceived smoke percolating up through the coal hole, and listened to the unearthly yells which sometimes emanated there from when the settlers wished to drown their sorrows in the cup.

It was also found that this Great Spirit act of Block's was profitable, as the Indians endeavored frequently to propitiate him by gifts of great value, which they dropped through the coal hole upon occasions when they needed help, little suspecting into whose hands their votive offerings fell.

This subterfuge continued for months, and the coal hole dividends were the most profitable of all their investments until an untoward incident cast suspicion upon it.

Pachamie How, an influential resident of the town, thinking that in some way he had incurred the Great Spirit's displeasure, fasted for three days, and at the conclusion thereof dropped a superb pair of hand-painted knee breeches into the coal hole. It so happened that Block was going through his devotions below stairs at the time, and so overcome was he by the richness of the gift that he tried the breeches on, forgetting in the excitement of the moment either to remove them or to put over them the four or five additional pairs he usually wore. Having business in the Clam Exchange the next afternoon, he repaired thither, and the first person he met was the devout Pachamie, who immediately recognized on Block's legs his recent propitiatory gift. Of course there was a discussion on the subject. A general massacre of the foreign element was only avoided by Block's intima-



CAPTAIN BLOCK COLLECTING HIS RENT.



tion that the Great Spirit, with whom he was on chummy terms, had left the trousers in his room the night before, but that he would gladly turn them over to Pachamie if he would tell him how he pronounced his name. Thus was the matter amicably settled.

It was noticed, however, that the daily receipts of the Coal Hole Department grew gradually less as time went on, and finally ceased when an Indian policeman fell through the hole, which had been carelessly left open, and discovered the whole band of settlers sleeping off the effects of a large cask of Old Holland consolation.

The natives became restless over this discovery and demanded an investigation, but the donation of several strings of buttons conciliated them for the time.

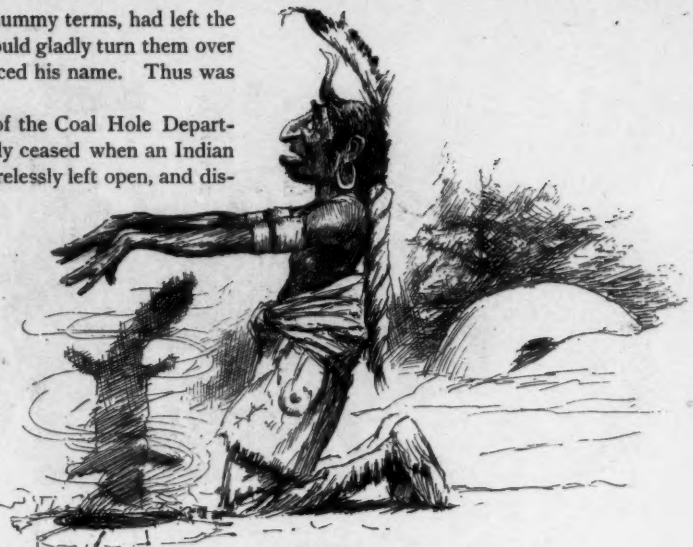
Block's early training as a lawyer taught him many other little technical ways by which it was possible to get ahead of his red brothers, and it was not long before he made them sign a contract for refitting their navy, using the unburned keel of the *Tiger* as a basis. The Indians furnished the labor and material and Block gave the experience.

It is calculated that the Manhattanese got more experience in the year Block was with them than they have been able to shake off since.

The vessel was finished early in 1614, and Block, having received the contract price, invited the Mayor, Colonel of the 7th How-How's, and all his own countrymen, to go on her trial trip. A bottle of beer broken over her bow christened her the *Restless*, and employing all the gains of the season in the new land, with many valuables taken by mistake as ballast, the sails were set and the trip began in the direction of the Long Island Sound.

At a convenient distance from shore the Mayor and Colonel unaccountably fell overboard and Block continued his way until he reached Cape Cod, where, meeting Captain Christiansen, he swapped vessels with him—not finding it convenient to return to New York just then—and sailed for home.

So ended the first foreign settlement of Manhattan Island, and the Comptroller of the Wampum, in his annual report



A SACRIFICE TO—



THE GREAT SPIRIT.

announced a large deficit in the finances of the Island to be covered by one coal hole, one year's civilization, and ten barrels of glass buttons overlooked in the haste of departure.

#### TO AN OLD COLLEGE FRIEND.

DEAR HUGH:

I N glancing o'er a file  
Of Western news of recent date,  
I stopped and rubbed my eyes awhile,  
At meeting—"Sale of an Estate;  
Two Hundred acres, meadow land,  
For grazing purposes, and sold  
To H. A. Atkins, junior,"—and  
My thoughts strayed backward, uncontrolled,  
To your old room at Cambridge, where  
We two discussed each "how" and "isness,"  
Dissected Rousseau, flayed Voltaire—  
(And now you're in the cattle business!)

You're married, too;—and how is she?—  
My hopes were—once,—but never mind them!  
She made her choice,—it was not me;—  
Regrets true cynics cast behind them.

*Vale et macte*, boy;—*cheu!*  
'T is true indeed, "*labuntur anni*"!  
Your household numbers more than two.  
I've sent a silver mug for Fanny.

Forgive this incoherent scrawl,  
Dictated more by heart than head.  
Best wishes to you, one—and all.  
Good-bye—meanwhile,

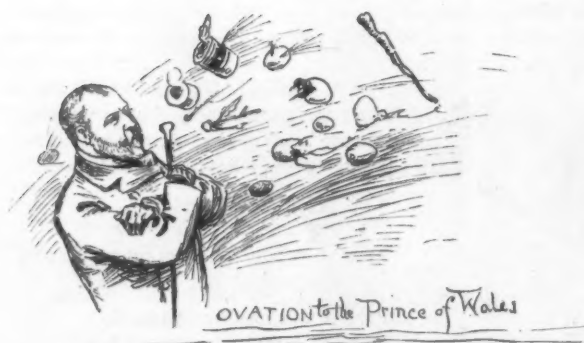
Yours truly,  
*Fred.*



Arrival of Sir Jeremiah O'Donovan



A Committee Room.



OVATION to the Prince of Wales



W.A. Rogers

Reception of a Message from the Q





age from the Queen

AMMENT OF THE FUTURE.



The 'Lobby'.



A Constituent drops in.



The Landlord Problem solved.

## AT THE MORNING SERVICE.

THE sermon was long and the preacher was prosy,  
The cushion was soft and the corner was cosy;

And, musing, I knew,  
By my side in the pew  
Was a dear little face that was dimpled and rosy.

A stray bit of lace and the curl of a feather  
Lay close to my cheek, and I did n't care whether  
The service was long,  
Or flirting was wrong  
In a lonely back pew, as we knelt down together.

In reading the prayers we had one book between us;  
So sweet was her smile that, had nobody seen us,  
While bent on our knees  
(O how Cupid did tease!)  
I had stolen a kiss, with the prayer-book to screen us.

In the oriel window the sunlight was gleaming,  
In my drowsy old brain I felt love fancies teeming;  
Then my heart gave a thump—  
By my head got a bump  
On the back of the pew—I had only been dreaming.

Harold Van Santvoord.



MADAME MODJESKA, Lord Tennyson and the Rev. T. De Witt Talmage are at present warmly different on the subject of women. While the poetical peer airily declares that woman is the lesser man and that relatively she is watery and he vinous; and while the Brooklyn divine athletically asserts that lady is an improved edition of gentleman, the Polish tragedienne glides into the arena, and in "Donna Diana" shows that whatever may be woman's condition to commence with, in the end she is invariably subject to the whims and caprices of her liege lord, and likes them.

"Donna Diana" was adapted from the Spanish of Moreto by Mr. Westland Marston. It reveals phases of society life which are incomprehensible to our Saxon civilization, but the play is none the less enjoyable for that.

Neither Jonathan nor John Bull, in these days of match-making mammas, masculine scarcity from an eligible standpoint, and bank-book marriages, will understand the position of a charming woman who positively refuses to listen to three amorous young men, all honorably intent and free from defect or flaw.

Yet Madame Modjeska impersonates such a questionable heroine. She scorns the suit of these young men, whose

only apparent fault is that their tights don't fit. She says she recoils from thoughts of marriage; that love is silly and degrading; that it is the source of nearly every evil in the world. In fact it is distinctly evident that she never had a mamma to show her the fallacy of her views and that her papa was a tepid nonentity.

The audience at the Star Theatre, however, was excessively good tempered. It saw at once that "Donna Diana" was a play constructed from antiquated material. The idea of a woman's refusing marriage because she could not love a husband was side-splitting in its grotesque absurdity. The bare thought of three youths being sent about their business, declined with thanks, was something more than mirth-provoking to nineteenth-century women, who frequently find themselves wall-flowers because, forsooth, men are so scarce.

"Donna Diana" will provoke to bitter irony the girl of to-day who, because there are no men, is forced to go in to supper with her brother, or to listen to the inane bavardage of a mere boy, who was a baby when she first came out.

And yet, perhaps on account of its modern improbability, Moreto's play is most entertaining. In it Madame Modjeska shows the delicacy and beauty of her consummate art, while the other members of the company shine as the satellites they are supposed to be. As *Donna Diana* Madame Modjeska renders the gradual dawn of love perfectly visible; the awakening of the marble to life could be seen by her face alone were the play without words. Her caressing, musical voice; her attitudes, in which there is not a touch of suggestion; the marvellous finish which is never absent from the most trifling situation, and the entire freedom from self-consciousness, place Modjeska in the highest ranks of her profession.

As *Don Cesar*, the gallant who conquers *Diana* by means of assumed coldness, Mr. E. H. Vanderfelt leaves nothing to be desired. There is perhaps a dash too much juvenility about him, which, however, is not a very serious defect. Little Miss Kitty Wilson as *Floretta* is kittenish and purrful, while Frank Clements, as the ubiquitous *Perni*, whose Machiavelianism brings the lovers together, has a grateful part to play, and plays it very well. *Alan Dale.*

## A VALUABLE INVENTION.

"YOU are a stockholder in the Cross Cut Railroad, sir?" he asked.

"I am," said the stockholder.

"I have a new device for registering money receipts that lays over any——"

"Yes, sir, but our present system 'is perfectly satisfactory. Our conductors cannot——"

"Excuse me, but my invention has nothing to do with conductors. It's a protection against presidents and superintendents. Shall I take a chair and explain it to you?"

"If you will be so kind," said the stockholder.

THE LATEST CRAZE—Hydrophobia.



**BISMARCK AND OTHERWISE.**

**T**HE Infanta Mercedes of Spain is said not to understand the death of her father.

If the Queen Regent pursues the usual methods of conveying information to babies we are not surprised. A dog for the baby is a bow-wow; Father is "ze baby baba;" stomach is "tum tum," and teeth are "toozy tooxies."

Now if the Queen Regent tells the baby Infant in attic Spanish that "Baba King King gone up a Heabentown," what wonder is it that the brain of the poor little creature is overweighted?

**P**RINCE BISMARCK has been presented with a saloon carriage in which he travels free of expense on every railroad in Germany.

This shows how much more simple are the methods of America. Our statesmen travel free on all the railroads without having to carry saloons with them. The pocket-flask is just as efficacious and a great deal easier to switch.

**J**OHNN RUSSELL YOUNG says that Bismarck and Ben. Butler look alike.

That's pretty rough on Butler and Bismarck!

**M.** DEVILLE, the new French Commissioner of Agriculture, never saw a plow.

This seems strange when we reflect that many people imagine the steam plow to be the invention of the Deville.

**SEASONABLE PHILOSOPHY.**

**H**OW pleasant 't is to take a walk,  
And pleasanter our cosey talk,  
Together.

'T is hard, though, and a shock to pride,  
To strike an urchin's private slide,  
And on one's back serenely glide.  
And whether

'T were not best to stop at home,  
Is a problem to be solved alone,  
I'd rather. *D. W. H.*

**A FAVORABLE CONDITION.**

**E**VANGELIST: "What are the prospects in this city for a series of revival meetings? Do you think I would meet with success?"

Citizen: "Yes, I think you would do well. Money is easier with us than it has been for some time."



**F**ROM London *Truth* we learn that there are in Great Britain 948,000 more women than men.

There is only one way out of this, and that is for Mr. Salisbury to disestablish the English Church and supplant it with Mormonism. We might send Utah over to the Queen to help along.

**M**R. LOWE says in his life of Prince Bismarck that the great German once thought of coming to the United States. He also recalls the fact that Cromwell entertained the same idea once.

There's history for you! This idea of Cromwell's must have been greatly entertained.

**B**ISMARCK says that beer stupefies and besots.

Bismarck had better take care how he maligns the national beverage, or he will besot on.

**COTILION, Y' KNOW.**

**C**HAPPY calls it "cotilion" now. He does n't say "German" any more, for it is n't English, you know. If you speak of the "German," Chappy does n't know what you mean. Chappy's head never was abnormally large, and now it seems to be shrinking.

**OUR ACROBATIC GOVERNOR.**

**G**OVERNOR HILL is a firm believer in gymnastics. The Governor has shown many of the peculiarities of the Political Acrobat in the course of his distressingly long public life.



**TWO BRUTES.**  
WHICH IS THE BEAST?





### THE OLD GRIEF.

*Gentleman with umbrella:* WHY DON'T YOU COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL ANY MORE, JAKEY?  
*Solitary One:* OH, THERE'S NO FUN THERE FOR ME SINCE YOU HAVE STOLEN HER.

### FABLES FOR THE TIMES.

#### THE ASPIRING FROG.

AN old Frog went fishing one day and left her young ones at home. During the day a Texas steer passed near the little creatures and nearly frightened them to death. At night when their mother returned they vainly attempted to give her some idea of the enormous monster which they had seen.

"Was it as large as this?" asked the mother Frog, inflating herself to an unnatural size.

"Oh, a great deal larger than that!" exclaimed the children.

The old Frog then continued to inhale air and to inflate herself until she got as large as a circus balloon, when she suddenly discovered that she had lost the combination and could not reduce her size when she tried. At this critical moment a gust of wind came along, and the old Frog was blown away like a soap bubble, and was never seen or heard of afterwards.

**MORAL:** This Fable teaches that the candidate who relies on rhetorical wind and gas and bluster to carrying him through is not apt to take much interest in the red paint market the day after election.

### SPORTSMEN'S VOCABULARY.

#### HUNTING.

**FULL COCK**—An intoxicated rooster.

**Half cocked**—Six Manhattan cocktails.

**Dangerous game**—Welch rare-bits.

**Well bored**—A call from a poet.

**A good pointer**—Buy "Life."

**An awful miss**—Anna Dickinson.

**A narrow miss**—Sarah Bernhardt.

#### FISHING.

**Reeling in**—Coming home after the "Arion."

**A big catch**—A rich widow.

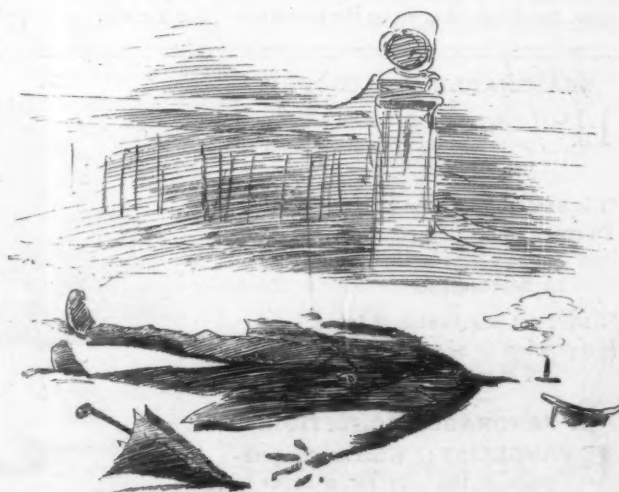
**A big bite**—A Newark dog.

**A white perch**—On top of a snow drift.

**To catch pouts**—Chaff a pretty girl.

**The place for suckers**—Wall street.  
*Clarence Stetson.*

**THE** last that was by no means least is held by St. Louis men to have been made for a Chicago girl's boot.



### NEXT MORNING.

*Fullboy (waking up):* BY JIM'NY! FEEL KIN'ER SHTIFF AFFER ER RACKET. GUESSH GERRUP AN' GE' DRESHT. B-R-R-R! M'RIA MUSHT A TURNED OFF 'ER HEAT.



ANTICIPATION VERSUS REALIZATION.

**E**XPECTANT HEIR (before the will is read): Uncle's death was a sad and untimely one. To think that but a short time ago that noble old man trod the earth in perfect health; to-day his voice is forever hushed in the song of eternity! Ah, me!

Expectant Heir (after the will is read): That will can be broken on the ground of insanity. The old fossil was crazy for twenty years.—*New York Sun.*

NOT ASHAMED OF HIS ART.

ENTERING the asylum for inebriates, he asked:

"Do you treat drunkards here?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, I'm one. Where's yer bar?"—*Chicago News.*

A YOUNG society belle from Manhattan, who was making a visit in Boston not long ago, sat next a Harvard student at a dinner party. In the course of the conversation she said to him:

"Oh! I read a great deal. At present I am reading Kant."

"Oh! Are you? It's by the author of 'Do n't,' I suppose."—*Chicago Times.*

"I MUST have order in this court-room," sternly commanded a justice of the peace, "I must and will have less noise and confusion here. I have already disposed of three important cases without being able to hear one word of the evidence."—*Ex.*

"Do you allow drunken people on the train?" asked a clergyman, at the City Hall elevated station in New York.

"Sometimes, but not when they are too drunk," replied the brakeman. "Just take a seat near the middle of the car and keep quiet, and you'll be all right."—*Ex.*

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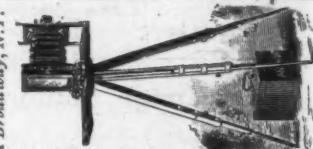
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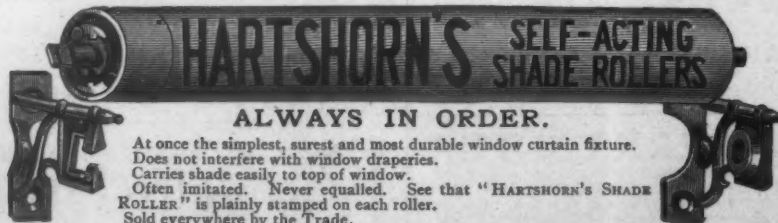
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